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OF THE

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AND SURVEYOR

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FOR THE

YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1970

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ANNUAL REPORT

1970

I have the honour to present my Annual Report on the Health and Vital Statistics of the Ceiriog Rural District Council for the year ended 31st December, 1970. As usual, I would wish to express my sincere personal thanks to all my fellow Officers for their continued kindness and co-operation throughout the year. I am also equally grateful to the Chairman and Members of the Council.

J. GARETH M. WILLIAMS.

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

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1970.

Mae'n anrhydedd gennyf gyflwyno fy Adroddiad Blynyddol ar Iechyd ac Ystadegau Bywydol Cyngor Dosbarth Gwledig Ceiriog am a flwyddyn a ddaeth i ben 31ain Rhagfyr, 1970.

Fel arfer, dymunaf fynegi fy niolch personol diffuant i'm holl gyd-swyddogion am eu caredigrwydd parhaol a'u cydweithrediad drwy gydol y flwyddyn. Rwyf hefyd yn llawn mor ddiolchgar i Gafeirydd ac Aelodau'r Cyngor.

J. GARETH M. WILLIAMS

SWYDDOG MEDDYGOL

POPULATION. The Registrar General's mid-year estimate of population was 7,090 - a decrease of 20 as compared with 1969.

BIRTHS The total number of live births was 126 (58 males, 54 females), an increase of 22 on the 1969 figures but one less than the 1968 total.

Included in this total are 10 illegitimate births (9 in 1969 and 9 in 1968).

BIRTH RATE

The crude birth rate was 17.8 births per 1,000 mid-year population. When this is adjusted by means of the comparability factor for comparison with England and Wales generally, this comes to 19.9. This is considerably higher than the 1969 adjusted figure of 16.4. It is also considerably higher than the England and Wales adjusted figure of 16.0 for 1970. This is the sixth successive year that the England and Wales figure has shown a decrease since the decline started in 1964.

STILL BIRTHS Three still births occurred during the year, as compared with two in 1969.

DEATHS The total number of deaths was 88 (51 males, 37 females). The total is three more than the 85 recorded in 1969.

Of this total, well over half (53 in all) were due to diseases of the heart and circulation. Of these 53, 24 were due to Coronary Thrombosis and 18 to Strokes. A similar pattern is shown in England and Wales generally.

The second highest category is Cancer which accounted for 17 deaths in 1970. This was also the second highest cause in England and Wales.

Six deaths were due to disease of the Respiratory System and 5 were due to accidents.

DEATH RATE. (Comparability Factor 0.98)

The crude death rate was 12.4 per 1000 mid-year population. When adjusted for England and Wales generally this comes to 12.2, which is slightly higher than the England and Wales figure of 11.7.

INFANT DEATHS. It is pleasing to record that no deaths occurred in infants under the age of one year (there were 2 in 1969 and 3 in 1968). There were also no maternal deaths.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES. The total number of notifications for the year were 22, sub-divided as follows:

Food poisoning	-	16
Infective jaundice	-	4
Measles	-	1
Scarlet Fever	-	1

All the food-poisoning cases were connected with the same outbreak which occurred following a wedding reception in a local Hotel. The causative organism was isolated from chickens.

Infective Jaundice became notifiable three years ago as it was then thought that this disease was becoming more prevalent in Britain. It is not a highly infectious disease and the numbers involved are generally small.

It is pleasing to note that no case of Tuberculosis was notified at all during the year (2 were notified in 1969 and 2 in 1968).

IMMUNISATION AND VACCINATION:

1. DIPHTHERIA, WHOOPING COUGH AND TETANUS:

Number of Primary Courses completed - 84

Number of Booster doses given - 44

2. POLIOMYELITIS

Number of Primary Courses completed - 92

Number of Booster Doses given - 82

3. SMALLPOX.

Number of Primary Vaccinations given - 29

Number of re-vaccinations - 12

4. MEASLES. The total number of measles vaccinations given during the year was 57.

5. GERMAN MEASLES (RUBELLA):- Rubella vaccinations were started in all the Secondary Schools in Denbighshire in 1970 and this form of vaccination is offered to all schoolgirls between the age of 11-13. They are given this before reaching child-bearing age as it is well known that German Measles, contracted by a woman in pregnancy, particularly in the first three months, can cause an unborn baby to have severe congenital abnormalities.

The number of Rubella vaccinations given during this year were 31.

CHIROPODY SERVICE.

CLINIC	Number on Register at 31/12/70.	Number of Sessions held in 1970.	Total Attendances.	Number on Waitins List at 31/12/70
CHIRK.	51	46	277	Nil.
GLYN CEIRIOG	38	9	44	Nil
LLANRHAEDR YM.	22	9	48	Nil
TOTAL	111	64	369	-

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Mr.Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I am pleased to present to you my report on the Public Health Inspector and Surveyor's Department of the Council for the past year.

I should like to record my thanks to my Staff for their faithful service and to my colleagues on the Staff, especially your Clerk and your Treasurer, Mr.R.T.Jones and Mr.D.G.Berrington, and to Dr.J.M.Gareth Williams for all their help and support and to you, Members of the Council, for your kindness and co-operation throughout the year.

S.A.HUGHES.

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR & SURVEYOR.



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HOUSING DEVELOPMENT:

COLLIERY ROAD, CHIRK, STAGE 1 - LONGFIELD. The first stage of this redevelopment was completed towards the end of the year and provides one three-storey block of twelve two-bedroomed flats, twelve two-bedroomed houses and ten three-bedroomed houses.

The dwellings are built to Parker Morris Standard and are provided with "Electricaire" warm air central heating and a commercial aerial Television reception system.

Tenants from the remaining Aluminium bungalows were rehoused so that the second stage site could be cleared to allow further redevelopment by eight old peoples bungalows and forty-two houses.

HALTON, CHIRK.

As mentioned in last year's report, unavoidable delay occurred in the commencement of this Contract, due to the necessity of having to re-tender for this contract. Construction work started in May 1970 and the development includes ten old peoples bungalows, twenty-four two-bedroom houses and 16 three-bedroom houses. They are provided with solid fuel open fire type heating which also provides a measure of background heating from radiators and are built to Parker Morris Standards.

CAE'R YSGOL, GLYN CEIRIOG.

The contract for the second phase of this development was commenced in October 1970 and is due for completion in October 1971. This stage will provide four three-bedroom houses and six two-bedroom flats. The dwellings will be provided with "Electricaire" warm air central heating as were those in the first phase.

These works will complete a very sound and worthwhile development in Glyn Ceiriog.

ELECTRICAL IMPROVEMENTS.

The re-wiring of the prewar houses was completed during this year, thus providing those houses in Old Rhosywaun, Bronywaun, Chirk; Wernfadog, Tanybryn, Pontfadog; Erw Wladys, Glyn Ceiriog; The Mount, Llansilin, and Maesmorgan, Llanrhaeadr with both light and power circuit to each room and also a cooker control unit to each scullery.

RE-ROOFING.

A Contract was made with a local building contractor for the re-roofing of 31 houses in the Ceiriog Valley and good progress was made with the completion of the work in December 1970. A further contract has been made for the re-roofing of Numbers 3 to 14 Maesyllan, Llansilin and, following completion of this contract, the re-roofing of Nos. 1 to 16 North View, Rhosywaun, is to be attended to. These works will have enabled much needed repairs to be executed quickly and making a good and pleasing job on completion.

SLUM CLEARANCE.

1 TO 50 HALTON TERRACE. The Minister of Housing confirmed the Clearance area declared by the Council and a Clearance Order has been made for the demolition of numbers 1 to 50 Halton Terrace when they become vacant. It is anticipated that the families from these houses will be moving to Council accommodation by the end of 1971.

1 TO 70 CHIRK GREEN. Following negotiations with the National Coal Board, the Council decided to purchase these properties with a view to having more control of the letting of them and, more important, with the intention of rehousing the families living there and the eventual demolition and clearance of the site. Progress has been made in the re-housing of some of the families in Nos. 45 to 70 by allowing some to move to vacant houses in the lower rows and rehousing others in Council accommodation elsewhere.

HOUSING ACT 1969

IMPROVEMENT GRANTS. During the year, thirteen Discretionary Grant applications were approved by the Council involving a sum of £10,888. These were for the improvement of dwellings to a high standard as laid down in the Housing Act 1969.

Three applications were also received and approved by the Council for the provision of Standard amenities involving a sum of £865 in grants.

In the year, a total of £6,866 was paid to owners of 12 houses provided with the Standard amenities and to 6 owners who improved houses under the Discretionary Grant scheme.

QUALIFICATION CERTIFICATES.

No applications were received during the year concerning qualification certificates for rent adjustment to controlled tenancies of privately owned dwellings.

HOUSING REPAIRS ACCOUNT.

The Council owned and maintained 982 dwellings up to the end of the year and the following table shows the expenditure:

No. of houses.	To Credit Repairs A/C	To Debit Repairs A/C	Average cost per house.
982	£17,081	£20,723	£21.00

The number of repairs dealt with (excluding repainting works programme) by Council Staff was 1,020.

HOUSING REPAIRS ACCOUNT (contd.)

Council employees engaged on Housing Maintenance work was as follows:

Joiner	1.	Bricklayer	1.
Labourer (Craftsman)	1.	Plumber and Water Works attendant	2.
General Labourers (Part year)	2.	Painters (1 part year only)	2.
Apprentice painter.	1.		

CARAVAN SITES AND CONTROL OF DEVELOPMENT ACT 1960.

At the end of the year, 22 caravan site licences were operating involving a total of 43 caravans. Virtually all these caravans are for holiday use only.

SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL.

The Council have 13 sewage disposal plants within the District which are maintained by an outside staff of four operators, together with the aid of an irrigation unit employing one operator.

The recently completed sewage disposal plant at Rhosywaun continues to provide a very good effluent whilst the older works are generally working satisfactorily.

Both the Dee and Clwyd River Authority and the Severn River Authority frequently sample the effluents from each of the plants and keep a watchful eye to see that the recommended effluent discharge standards are maintained.

SEPTIC TANK EMPTYING SCHEME.

This Scheme was introduced in 1966 and the Council employs a private Contractor to implement the service which allows for the free emptying of tanks once every two years. During this year, 172 tanks were emptied which compares with 142 in 1969.

PUBLIC CONVENIENCES. There are six public conveniences sited in the District, the most recent being erected at Llanrhaeadr Waterfalls which is providing a very necessary service in a part of the district which attracts a large number of visitors.

Being small village conveniences, it is not possible to employ full time caretakers and reliance on one or two daily visits to these places by Council employees has to suffice. This can prove, at times, to be rather inadequate, especially during summer months when, perhaps, coach loads of visitors alight at them.

WATER SUPPLIES.

This Authority still remains one of the few local authorities in Wales who are also a water undertaking. No further progress has been made with the amalgamation with Wrexham and East Denbighshire Water Company, even though the Council has again made known its willingness to negotiate for its takeover.

WATER SUPPLIES (contd.)

During the year, the Council supplied 151,840 thousand gallons to its District, obtaining 62,780 thousand gallons bulk supply from the Liverpool City Waterworks Corporation, Wrexham and East Denbighshire Water Company and the West Shropshire Water Board.

REFUSE COLLECTION.

The Council operate a weekly refuse collection service and employs six men and three vehicles. Tipping is carried out at Lower Halton, Chirk, and use is made of the Council's tractor fitted with blade for levelling of the tip.

The Council have an agreement with the Wrexham Rural District Council for the use of Chatham's Quarry, Rhosymedre, for the disposal of abandoned vehicles. This provides a free service to ratepayers who wish to dispose of their old cars, etc.

SANITARY INSPECTIONS. The following inspections and visits were made during the year:

Housing	839.
Water Supplies.	333.
Sewerage and Sewage Disposal.	292.
Building Regulations.	484.
Meat Inspection.	72.
Public Health.	269.
Refuse Collection.	37
Offices and Shops.	23.
Miscellaneous.	259.

OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT 1963. The following table shows the particulars of premises registered with the Council under this Act:

Registrations and General Inspections.

Class of Premises.	No. of Premises registered during the year.	No. of registered premises at end of year.	No. of registered premises req. a gen. inspection during the year.
Offices.	Nil.	7	1
Retailshops.	Nil.	25	10
Wholesale shops, Warehouses.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.
Catering Establishments.	Nil.	5	2
Fuel storage depots.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.
TOTALS.	Nil.	37	13

Total visits of all kinds to registered premises: 23.

It was necessary to draw the attention of occupiers and/or owners to contraventions in 12 cases under this Act.

SLAUGHTERHOUSES AND MEAT INSPECTIONS.

During the year, one of the licenced slaughterhouses was closed by the owner, leaving the slaughterhouse in Llanrhaeadr Y.M. as the only licenced establishment in the district for the slaughter of animals for human consumption.

The table below shows numbers and particulars of animals dealt with:

Carcases Inspected and Condemned.	Cattle exc. cows.	Cows.	Calves.	Sheep & Lambs.	Pigs.
Numbers killed.	47	Nil	Nil	1,381	81.
Numbers not inspected.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil	Nil	Nil.
<u>All diseases except Tb. & CB</u>					
Whole carcases condemned	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	1.	Nil.
Carcases of which some parts or organs were condemned.	9	Nil.	Nil.	16	5
<u>TB only.</u>					
Whole carcases condemned.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.
<u>Cysticerci</u>					
Whole carcases.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.
Carcases of which some parts or organs were condemned.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.

72 visits were paid to slaughterhouses for the purpose of meat inspections. All carcases and offal were inspected and stamped in accordance with the regulations laid down. Charges were made for this service at the following rates:

Inspection of Beasts	-	two shillings and sixpence.
Inspection of sheep	-	sixpence
Inspection of pigs	-	ninepence.

1 cwt. 16 lbs. of meat and offal were condemned as unfit for human consumption.

UN SOUND FOOD. A total of 1 cwt. 7 lbs. of canned and frozen foods were surrendered to the Department as unfit for human consumption.

BUILDING REGULATIONS 1965.

During the year, 92 applications were dealt with during the year and a total of 484 visits and inspections were made to new works in progress.

One application referred to the residential development of land at Upper Wharf, Chirk, which will have a first phase development of over one hundred dwellings and another to the residential development in Glyn Ceiriog of twelve dwellings.

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1962.

122 applications were received during the year for permission to develop land in the district. These were forwarded to the Denbighshire County Council, as Planning Authority, for consideration and determination together with the Council's recommended observations.

One application received referred to the Industrial Development of approximately 20 acres of land at Maesgwyn, Chirk, by the erection of a Factory for Messrs. Kronospan Ltd. for the manufacture of chipboard. Details and description of this factory and process have already been reported on.

Another application referred to the use of Chirk Co-operative Society premises at Rhosywaun, Chirk, for the manufacture of foundation garments for Messrs. Silhouette Ltd. which will employ 40-50 female staff.

FACTORIES ACT 1961

Inspections were made as follows under the provision of the above Act:

Premises 1.	Number on Register 2.	Number of Inspections 3.	Written Notices 4.	Occupiers Prosecuted 5.
(i) Factories in which Sect.1,2,3,4 & 6 are to be enforced by local authorities.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Sect.7 is enforced by the local authority.	36.	25	Nil.	Nil.
(iii) Other premises in which Sect.7 is enforced by the local authority.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.
TOTAL	35	21	Nil.	Nil.

Cases in which defects were found:

PARTICULARS 1.	No. of cases in which defects found.		No. of cases in which prosecutions were instructed.	
	Found. 2.	Remedied. 3.	Referred to HM. Inspector 4.	By HM. Inspector. 5. 6.
Want of cleanliness (S.1) Overcrowding (S.2) Unreasonable temperature (S.3) Inadequate ventilation (S.4) Insufficient drainage of floors (S.6)	N I L		N I L	
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7) (a) Insufficient (b) Unsuitable or defective (c) Not separate for sexes Other offences against the Act (not inc. offences relating to Outwork.)	N I L		N I L.	

